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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Recombinational Cloning Using Nucleic Acids Having Recombination Sites**
Inventors: Hartley *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.285000D/BJD/MTT

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3. Copies of documents cited on Form PTO-1449 (249 references); and
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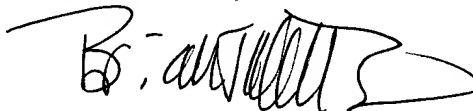
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Respectfully submitted,

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